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HOMETOWN JUNIOR BARREL RACING COMPETITOR Macey Drobot headed into a tight turn in a muddy infield during Sunday's performance of the 54th Annual Stoney Lake Stampede.

Stoney Lake stampedes in the mud

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Only one short shower and a very muddy arena marred Sunday's championship performance of the 54th annual Stoney Lake Stampede, with morning rain clouds moving off in good time for the grand entry of the Stoney Lake Stampede Association riders.

Bareback riding was first on the agenda, but Sunday's riders couldn't equal the 72 point score recorded by Riley Borris at Saturday evening's performance, although Jessey Lanninn of Crossfield came close with a 70 point ride on 'Wild Whiskey.'

No qualified rides were recorded in either performance of the Novice Horse Riding, and none of Sunday's Junior Bull Riders made the eight second horn, with Saturday's competitors Klayton Kakevold, with a 78, and Ashton Sahill with a 73, taking home the prize money.

Sunday did prove to be the winning day for Tie Down Roping, with Dylan Knapp of Mayerthorpe getting the job done in 9.1 seconds, to edge out Gordon Gulick's 9.5-second score.

Sunday's top Steer Wrestling, time of 6.3 seconds, recorded by Quentin Branden of Barrhead and coming just after a shower that sent spectators running for the shelter of the beer gardens, was no match for Chad Anderson's speedy 6.0 seconds on Saturday.

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Forts kick off Sails, Rails & Tails with history hunt

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

The first event of six days of geocaching kicked off at Fort George Buckingham House on July 6, with about 50 geocachers taking part in the search.

The Sails, Rails & Tails geocache event was hosted in Cold Lake on July 9, but leading up to the weekend were satellite events held throughout the area, starting at Fort George Buckingham House with a history hunt. Then, just down the highway, the Elk Point Eco Centre hosted a meet and greet that same afternoon.

Geocaching has become a popular hobby throughout North America, and beyond. It involves hunting for hidden objects by means of GPS coordinates posted on the Internet. Locally, there are many geocaches hidden throughout the Lakeland, with the Iron Horse Trail being a hot spot for those who like to head outdoors and search for the hidden treasures.

Identified only by his geocache name, Billy Robson said there were people from all over western Canada gathered at Fort George Buckingham House, taking

part in the first event.

He was on hand, helping coordinate the event, handing out pamphlets and checking people's answers to the history hunt. Jokingly, he would tell participants that they had some answers wrong, nearly sending them back on the uphill trek through the forest.

A sign-in booklet showed a variety of participants, also only identified by their geocache names. Sifting through the list, organizers pointed out that one unique looking name, signified by a special stamp, came all the way from Finland.

Thankfully, the weather held out for most of the first event on Wednesday, offering geocachers the chance to explore the site, which was once a fur trading post in the late 1700s.

On Wednesday evening, the group of participants was invited to make the drive to Glendon and take part in the Yum, Yum - Pyrogies Are So Much Fun event.

On Thursday, the geocaching moved to St. Paul, where the museum hosted a Geo Mystery Tour, and a block party was held at the landing pad for The Aliens are Here event.

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Janice Huser photo

HOMING IN ON A CACHE - Participants in the Sails, Rails and Tails geocache event seek out a cache site by its GPS coordinates.

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Geocache

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Diana Lukevich, her husband Steve Schuppler, and their sons Scott and Ryan were among the estimated 70 individuals/groups that took part in the St. Paul-based geocache event.

The family is from Calgary, but has travelled to a variety of places, taking part in geocache events across the province, and into the U.S.

"It's actually a cool way to travel," says Lukevich, as she sits on a picnic table near the UFO landing pad, watching her sons search for the cache that should be hidden somewhere in the rocks.

"We go to lots of places we wouldn't normally go," adds Steve.

The family had only good things to say about their experience in the Lakeland so far, noting that the event was well organized. Although Scott, 19, and Ryan, 15, had never been to the area, Lukevich used to spend time in the summers out this way, visiting family. When she saw that the geocache event was taking place near St. Paul and Elk Point, she figured it would be a great opportunity to once again visit.

The family has been involved in geocaching since about 2008, when Scott heard about the hobby. The boys now collect geocoins, which in itself appears to be a big allure to geocaching.

Coins are collected, or purchased, by geocachers. In honour of the event last week, the Town of St. Paul had coins specially made, and although the family would get one for completing the event at the landing pad, Lukevich said she would likely buy extras, so each family member could have one in their collection.

A landing pad coin could be a lucrative one to have in a collection, since there aren't that many made, she added.

Lukevich admits that when she explains geocaching to friends and family, they are often confused by the idea of searching for caches. But, that doesn't seem to bother the family, who enjoys the time spent together.

After geocachers were done in St. Paul, the fun then made its way back north, to Bonnyville for the Round Up & Challenge, and then the Muriel Creek Ranch House held an event in the late afternoon.

Friday was when the fun began in Cold Lake, with a list of locations hosting geocaching events, including the fire hall, the museum, and the fish hatchery.

Saturday was the Tri-Town Geocoin/Pathtag event, and also a full day of festivities at the Cold Lake Energy Centre. There was GeoArt, kids' events, and special geocache seminars, covering the basics of geocaching, along with other topics, such as "Unique Caches," and "Whereigo's."

Sunday, the fun started early with a pancake breakfast, and a few other special events scattered through the day. Monday offered participants another shot at visiting the fish hatchery, before the event wrapped up.

Screen Test coming soon

The Alberta Health Services Screen Test breast cancer screening program's mobile mammography unit is coming to Elk Point on July 25, 26 and 27, and will be back in the area in September and October, with clinics slated for Frog Lake First Nation on Sept. 23 and Kehewin Cree Nation on Oct. 4 and 5.

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PROUD CANADIANS Jim Kiss and Kevin Drobot post the colours during Sunday's Grand Entry



LOOKING GOOD! Pat Swedgan presented the medals for Best Dressed Cowgirl and Cowboy to Tori Stark and Bronson Cardinal.

Stampede

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Sunday's mud added an extra challenge for the barrel racers, with one junior competitor watching her horse head around the top barrel without her, as she sat in a puddle by the second barrel. Shannon Blakely topped the Ladies' Barrels with Saturday's top time of 16.229, with Carolyn Knapp coming across the line with Sunday's fastest run, 16.405, to place second overall. The mud really took a toll on the Junior Barrels, where none of the girls could break the 17-second mark, much less catch up with Reese Pollitt's 16.758 second run on Saturday. In the Pee wee Barrels, however, Ashlee Keith of Barrhead made her winning run on Sunday, clocking in at 17.344 to outrun Saturday's top time of 17.412, posted by Nevada Keith.

The muddy, infield moved the Best Dressed Cowboy and Cowgirl competition outside the arena fence, where Tori Stark and Bronson Cardinal accepted their medals from Pat

Swedgan before a hardy crew of older youngsters ignored the mud to take part in the calf scramble. Konnor Poitras, Jayci Marcoux, Brandon Frank and Madison (last name not available) were the muddy winners of that one.

Then it was back to the bucking chutes, where Lane Grayson of Strathmore marked a 72 on Corky Emotions in the only successful Saddle Bronc ride of the day, to move Logan Young, with 68 points on Saturday, down to second place.

Team Ropers had the advantage of staying up out of the mud, but Sunday's best team, Tyler Batchelor and Ryan Guest of Mayerthorpe, could only muster a sixth place, 6.6-second run, no match for Wyatt Smith and Cory Dunlop, who placed first with 5.9 seconds in Friday's slack.

Australian cowboy Ben Gard took the muddy conditions in stride as he marked a whopping 79 points on Renslip in the Bull Riding, to move Saturday's leader, Wyatt House, with 73 points, down to second place, while fellow Aussie Chris Young rode Dark



GOING WILD - Jessey Lannin placed second in the Bareback with this ride on Wild Whiskey.



WINNER Lane Grayson marked a 72 on Corky Emotions to win the Saddle Bronc Riding.



Sarcasm to 72 points on Sunday for third.

Sunday's performance wound up with the Corey Marcoux Memorial Stone Boat Race, with only two teams taking part this year, and third generation stone boat racer Payton Drobot and his team claiming the hard-won victory.



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EDITORIAL

Another success

Elk Point has added another hugely successful Canada Day to its history, thanks to the cooperative efforts of numerous community groups that each played a part in creating a day filled with activities and entertainment for all ages.

Planners coped with rain and cancellations, but carried on and improvised as necessary. Everyone got fed and refreshed and entertained, from 8 a.m. until the final burst of fireworks faded into the night sky, and that couldn't have happened without all those who played a part in Canada Day 2016.

Early fears that the downturn in economy would impact the event were fortunately not realized, with sponsors somehow able to continue helping with the funding required, and planners and those who attended the events they sponsored are very grateful they did.

RECREATION CORNER

EcoCentre impresses Geocachers

JENA COLBOURNE
Recreation Coordinator

The Lakeland Geocachers hosted a Mega Event this past week and one of the stops on the route was the Elk Point Eco Centre.

The Mega Event had over 400 registered Geocaching teams, which accounted for over 500 individual Geocachers in the Lakeland over the last six days. It was an honour to host around 50 people at the Eco Centre on Wednesday as part of this Mega Event. People from as far as Wisconsin came to learn more about the marvellous building.

Visitors were in awe of the energy the Eco Centre produces. Did you know when the wind turbine was operational on a semi-windy day, in addition to the solar panel array, there was enough power being produced to go back into the grid? We may have forgotten how monumental it is to have the Eco Centre in a rural Alberta, oilfield-driven town.

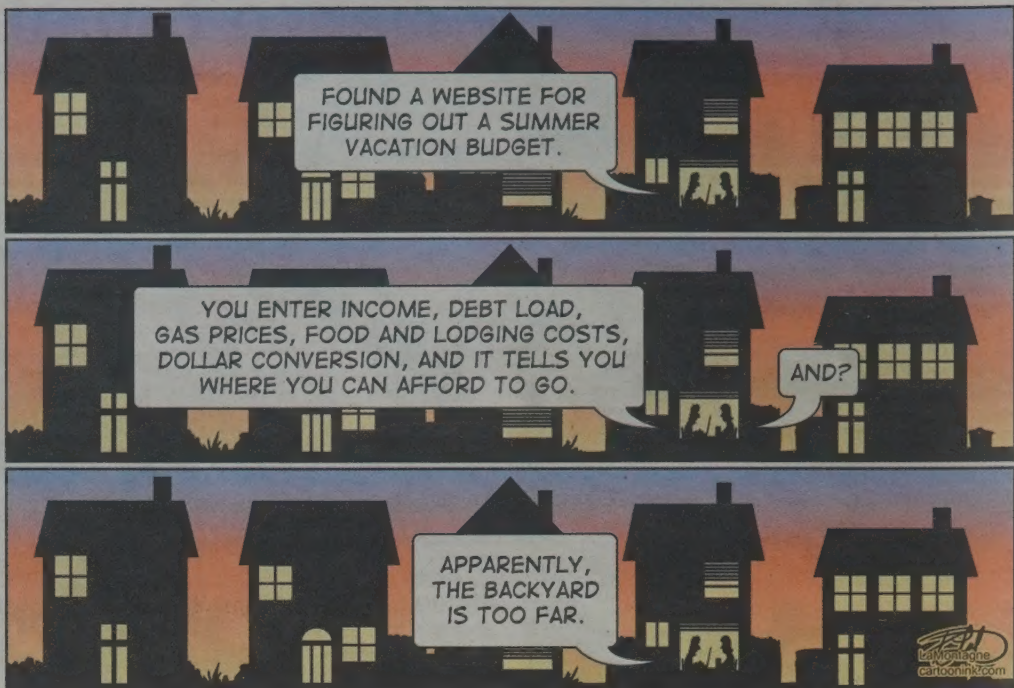
Let me refresh your memories to a time when we didn't have a government who was striving for green clean energy. In 2010, Elk Point was an example for the Province on what the future looked like. Unfortunately, the turbine had to be turned off to be conscientious of residents' environment. But that is no reason for it to be given up on nor is it too late to continue on this path of being an example of green energy in Rural Alberta.

One of the ways Elk Point hopes to be a leader in green energy is by going after a grant to improve and expand the walking trail and by doing so, including the installation of more solar lights.

It would also be fantastic to keep the wind turbine. It costs around \$20,000 (I'm told) to move the turbine, but keeping it in the community should be a goal. There's other factors to consider on top of the cost to move, such as right placement of the turbine where it won't disturb residents. Perhaps up by Peter Fidler? Use the power generated to light up Peter Fidler and the Welcome sign, just a suggestion.

There has been talk of selling the turbine, but I really hope the Town and Chamber are able to find a different solution.

It was amazing to see visitors of our community marvel at the Eco Centre and it would sure be a shame to lose our head start on the future.



WAY BACK WHEN...

New Deputy PM, raft racers, Year of the Volunteer

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Brand-new Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski officially opened Elk Point's Canada Day celebration and joined Miss Lakeland, Kathy Mistol and Mayor Ed Buck in cutting the Canada Day cake. The Lioness parade was the best ever, taking a full half hour to pass any point on the 20-block route.

1991

Albert and Michael Boratynec edged out Robert Tymofichuk and Paul Kotowich in the Elks Raft Race to kick off Canada Day, while the chamber of commerce "stopped counting at 750" patrons for their pancake breakfast, with bagpipers, air guitar, a tug-of-war, dunk tank and homesteaders' contests also part of the day's activities. Elk Point Pink Pounders went undefeated in zone playoffs to win the right to go to provincials.

1996

Jamie Schnurer, Ashley Larson, Danielle Schnurer and Renita Osinchuk were the All-Around winners at Elk Point Saddle Slickers 4-H Light Horse Club achievement day. More than 20 local torch bearers would help to lead the way for the Alberta Summer Games torch relay, with the Senior Games also recognized in a Grade 5 poetry contest and a Grade 2 colouring contest.

2001

Showers didn't dampen Elk Point's enthusiasm for Canada Day in the International Year of the Volunteer, with the afternoon stage show moved indoors and plaques presented to Lillian Palinka and Doug Bassett. Carlen Mutch and Curtis Croteau gave a lighthearted look at their classmates as the F. G. Miller Class of

2001 celebrated at their farewell prom.

2006

A real live movie star, a big black horse named Mustang who starred as Butch in Dr. Doolittle 3, was part of the entertainment at Stoney Lake Rodeo, along with animal trainer extraordinaire Claude Chassé and a pair of well-trained collies. Vandals hit the C. G. Baker Arena five times in a few weeks, leaving the Ag Society frustrated, disheartened and short on cash.

2011



Bernice Capjack and Katherine Shymkiw carried the banner as Northern Valley's Ukrainian Catholic Church of John the Baptist, the first church established in the Elk Point district, as it celebrated its centennial. Elk Point town council discussed the industrial park roads and debated the merits of cold mix versus oiling, calling on the expertise of Couns. Eugene Buck, and Ron Fraess to make the decision to go with cold mix.

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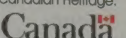
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Science fun at Ferguson Flats

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS hosted a family friendly science afternoon at Ferguson Flats last Wednesday, which one local mom said was “a great presentation with lots of hands on activities. I’d say it was ideal for elementary school age, and would probably work OK with pre-K with a little help and guidance from a parent. The youngest we had was David, who’s 5, and we even had a couple of teens who participated. If you get a chance to take your kids to an FCSS science afternoon, do it.”

Additional Science Afternoons go July 25 in Mallaig and July 26 in Elk Point.

Activities included making silly putty (right) and moon sand (below), forming a human electrical circuit, and launching rockets (left).



Photos courtesy of Ferguson Flats Association.

Looking back at Canada Day 2016



JORJA THERIAULT and the Gypsies kicked off the entertainment at the afternoon stage show.



MLA DAVID HANSON handed out roses to the ladies along the parade route.



THE SURVIVOR CHALLENGE started with a water slide (above right), involved a variety of maneuvers such as creeping through a series of hoops (right) and climbing over a wooden structure and up a series of tires (above) to ring a bell signalling the team’s completion of the challenge.

Vicki Brooker photos



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Alberta

Rain, rain, go away - Sox have ball to play!

Enough with the rain already! There's been so much rain the last few days that even the Elk Point ball diamonds had some water standing on them early Sunday morning, and because of the gravel under our diamonds, they rarely ever do. But they are terrific for drying up fast, whereas some places are shut down for the day, in Elk Point we were still able to play.

The Bantam Sox hosted a provincial round robin this weekend, coming up with two wins and a loss, which is usually considered very good by most coaches, but it could have been three wins if the boys hadn't had some costly late innings errors, bobbling of the ball in their first game against Wainwright Saturday at noon. The Sox didn't lose this game, they threw it away. They started out well hitting the ball and putting runners across the plate. Dustyn 'Dust Pan' Pankiw pounding one out of the park, adding a single and a double. All he needed for the cycle was a triple, leaving that for Kaiden 'K Rock' Evans Anderson and Corbin 'Crusher' Ockerman who both crushed a triple. With Cody 'the Babe' Fairbairn up on the hill to start, the boys' bats had a nine-run lead when he left the game in



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BASSETT
Review Sports

top of the fifth inning, one run short of the mercy rule. When you have your opponent down for the count, you should finish them off. The Sox should have been a little more aggressive and pushed another run in when they had the chance, instead of letting Wainwright up for air. Graham 'Uncle Cracker' Broda and Dalton '007' Reed coming in on relief, they both pitched well enough for the Sox to win, but errors in the infield cost us the game. Wainwright was still down by three runs in the bottom of the seventh, but the train came off the track, and the boys couldn't get it back!!

No problem in the second game later that evening, the Sox winning easily over Okotoks by the ten-run mercy rule. 'Ty Cobb' Smereka starting on the mound in this one, Dustyn Pankiw coming in on relief to finish them off. Everyone was hitting well in this one, and only two errors making a huge difference. Brayden 'Magnet' Fairbairn hitting the cycle in this one, a single, double and triple, and his triple coming very close to leaving the park at center field.

Sunday morning was a very ugly morning weather wise, pouring rain in the first game, but fortunately for

the Sox they didn't play until 4 o'clock and by then it was still threatening thunderstorms, but all we had was a few sprinkles during the game. 'K Rock' getting the call to the hill to start the game, he had four strong innings, allowing only two earned runs. Four K's for the 'K Rock', 'Crusher' coming in on relief and shutting them down for the final three innings, the Sox winning 8 to 2 and get this:, they never even committed one error! The fielding was superb. 'Uncle Cracker' at center field coming up with two terrific diving catches that looked like Kevin Pillar of the Jays, plus a deep one he couldn't quite get to, he fired a throw to the cut-off man Dustyn Pankiw at short stop and with a great relay by him to third baseman Dalton '007' Reed got the runner out anyway. Score it 8-6-5 in you score books and a run saved. The 'Babe', who's been battling a rough hitting slump, came out of it, hammering two doubles in this one, Dustyn Pankiw, who leads the team in home runs, hitting a two run dinger right over the center field wall.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week, "The best and fastest way to learn a sport is to watch and imitate a champion." Last week's answer to: "Hitting is timing. Pitching is upsetting timing." Warren Spahn.

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Office located at 5015 - 49 Avenue, St. Paul.Project to be completed between September
19 and December 23, 2016. Since access
to the crushing site is restricted, interested
bidders will have the opportunity to attend a
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To be included in this site visit, contact the
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